

TEXAS LUMBER DEAL FIGURES IN 'FRISCO

COMMERCE BOARD QUIZZES YOKUM

Railroad Magnate Explains Deals Causing 'Frisco Line's Receivership.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—The alleged partnership of the officials of the St. Louis & San Francisco railway in syndicates that promoted small railroads that later were sold to the "Frisco," was inquired into at the hearing before chairman Clark of the interstate commerce commission here as the causes of the present receivership of the line.

Yokum Explains Deals.

R. F. Yokum, chairman of the "Frisco" board of directors, when the road went into receivership, was the only witness among the directors that built various subsidiary lines was promoted by the St. Louis Union Trust company, and in answer to many questions Mr. Yokum referred his interrogators to the records of the trust company.

Among the subsidiary lines concerning which questions were asked were the St. Louis & Oklahoma City, the Iberia & Northern, the St. Louis, Oklahoma & Southern and the St. Louis & Gulf.

As to the Iberia & Northern syndicate, Mr. Yokum testified he transferred his interests in that road to the "Frisco" for what it cost him plus 6 percent interest.

D. E. Brown, an examiner for the interstate commerce commission, said the records showed \$212,000 paid to Yokum. Mr. Yokum replied that if that were true, it represented no profit over the 6 percent interest.

Other roads, Mr. Yokum could not remember the profit. He said he had an interest in the St. Louis & Gulf, but did not remember whether his profit was \$28,000, as Mr. Brown said the record indicated.

This record, as cited by Brown, showed that Yokum invested \$75,000 and received \$113,000.

Reasons for Receivership.

Mr. Yokum gave his reasons for the receivership, which may be summarized as follows:

One—The failure of the road to sell Arizona and New Mexico lands for \$6,000,000 or \$7,000,000. In this deal the "Frisco" hoped to get enough money to meet pressing obligations.

Two—The loss sustained by the "Frisco" on an investment in Texas and Louisiana pine lumber properties.

Three—A loss of more than \$250,000 each year on the ownership of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railway. This ownership extended over 11 years. The two roads have been severed under the receivership. Before the receivership the "Frisco" failed in an effort to sell a half interest in the road.

Mr. Yokum explained the lumber deal at length. By this deal the "Frisco" acquired a large interest in the Kirby Lumber company of Texas.

"These were the days of combines and mergers," he said. "The Santa Fe and other roads had carried out such deals successfully. It was important to get control of the last big patch of pine timber in the United States. It was part of a big plan to make the Mississippi valley the highway of a great traffic to the gulf. Other railroads had their eyes on the same opportunity. Several things combined to prevent our success. If we had met success, the receivership never would have been necessary."

GEN. MILES WILL DRIVE IN RACE

Get Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., the famous Indian fighter, has agreed to drive his Country Jay against C. G. K. Billings, the latter to ride Union. The race is to be held on the New York speedway, and Nathan Strauss, the multi-millionaire horse lover, is arranging the details of the match.

MAY DELIVER G. PRIETO TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES

Guillermo Prieto, in whose possession four 20-40 Winchester rifles and 2,000 rounds of Mauser cartridges were found in a raid by El Paso officers Tuesday night, may be turned over to the army authorities at Fort Bliss. He is now being held at the police station, docketed as a suspicious character.

HENS MUST HAVE EXERCISE

To Lay, Says Poultryman

Madison, Wis., Nov. 15.—Amusement and exercise for poultry is advocated by James C. Halpin, poultryman for the college of agriculture of the University of Wisconsin, as a means of preventing the annual winter shortage of eggs.

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Cannot Atone By Giving

People in Moderate Circumstances Think the Very Rich Profit at Their Expense.

By Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst

MR. FRANCIS PEABODY made an exceedingly compact and telling statement at the service held in memory of the late Robert C. Ogden, when he said: "Money prodigally bestowed does not atone for money criminally gotten." There is nothing original in the thought, but few could have expressed it so concisely and in large measure a trite is said makes out half of its effect.

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Manners Purify or Corrupt

Nothing Adds More to the Charm of Life Than Graciousness. Each Person is an Example.

By Mrs. Frank Leanea

THERE is in manners, as in morals, what may be called a danger point of departure, a slight relaxing of our high standards, scarcely noticeable at first, but a departure, and very soon there is further relaxing. It must be remembered that manners are what purify or corrupt, exalt or debase, refine or barbarize. Unconsciously our manners act on most of us, and by the quality of our manners we are made to feel that we are better or worse than we are.

The only safety in manners depends on the first steps away from the ideal of perfection. If we find ourselves a little more selfish, irritable, a little more indifferent to the feelings of others, we need to be on our guard. Courtesy moves along the level ways where manners are good, and generally has to do with the comparatively small matters which make up life.

Kindly words, sympathetic attentions, watchfulness against wounding the sensitiveness of others—these things are the life of social life. We are conscious of being cheered and sustained by the small kindnesses we receive from others, from a neighbor, a friend, a moment, and by giving them to those with whom we come in contact.

Instead of being satisfied with not having very rude manners we must take a positive and not a negative way and try to make definite progress toward true courtesy and graciousness. Instead of letting ourselves slacken we should set a higher mark and add something to the quality of our everyday manners. If the ideal of the beauty of courtesy prevailed in social life, home life and in the business world, there would be pleasure and harmony in our relationships with people.

Nothing adds more to the charm of life than graciousness. Though bluntness is never a valuable possession. People who are unattractive are self asserting, conceited, insolent, stubborn. They insist on having their own way and never make concessions. Real graciousness is a virtue exercised, not a virtue assumed. We have to go back to St. Paul's epistles to be reminded that charity, which is really love, unselfishness and which endures long and is kind, "vaunteth not itself, it is not puffed up," is at the root of all courtesy and graciousness. It needs constant practice. It has to be willful often in look, or word, or act when the inclination is against it; but if practiced faithfully it blossoms in the life.

Unless we keep our standard of manners high we forget our responsibility to others. Each person is an example, helpful or harmful. We can never know how far our influence may go.

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LANDS PASSENGERS RESCUED FROM BURNING STEAMER

New York, Nov. 18.—With 164 passengers rescued from the burning steamer Balmes, at sea, 600 miles east of Bermuda, last week, the steamer Pannonia has arrived here. Most of the Balmes' passengers were from Cuba and bound for Cadiz or Barcelona.

The Pannonia, from Trieste for New York, heard the wireless distress calls of the Balmes when 180 miles distant. The crew of the Balmes refused to leave the burning vessel, which was towed to St. Georges, Bermuda, by the Pannonia.

WANTS COOPERATION TO PUT END TO BUBONIC ROENTENS

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 18.—Dr. Bolivar Lloyd of the United States public health service has received orders to visit Tacoma, Everett and Bellingham, Wash., to confer with municipal officials regarding means of protection against bubonic plague.

"It is discouraging," said Dr. Lloyd, "when we are doing all in our power to stamp out the plague infected rats here to see contiguous cities taking no similar steps. That the rats of Seattle are inoculated with the plague, our laboratory investigations have proved. Other cities must join in the work of stamping out the infection."

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FRENCH DEPUTIES PASS ELECTION BILL

Paris, France, Nov. 19.—The chamber of deputies, by a vote of 353 to 235, adopted the electoral reform bill after restoring, in modified form, the clause providing for proportional representation, the rejection of which by the senate last March caused the overthrow of the Briand ministry.

Other changes in the bill were introduced, notably a clause that the number of deputies to be elected shall be fixed according to the number of registered electors and not according to the number of population.

This will have the effect of reducing the strength of the chamber from 597 to 529 and will greatly benefit the country districts at the expense of the cities.

ADAPTED TO HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—Gifts in great numbers have been received at the white house in the past few days for Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson and Francis B. Sayre, who are to be married Nov. 25.

Most of the gifts are of a useful nature, more adapted to household needs than ornamental. Miss Wilson is busily occupied in writing personal letters to the givers.

Several of the presents have come from the embassy and legations. Cut glass, furniture, dishes, silver services, and bric-a-brac and a variety of domestic articles make up the bulk of the gifts thus far received, though some beautiful jewelry has also been received.

Some of the white house clerks are busy preparing a list of several thousand announcements which will be mailed in a few days.

The senate's wedding gift is a silver service of 15 pieces with its chief service a tea set of five pieces. It also contains a hot water kettle, large serving tray, chocolate pot, ice cream dish, two complete dishes and four candlesticks.

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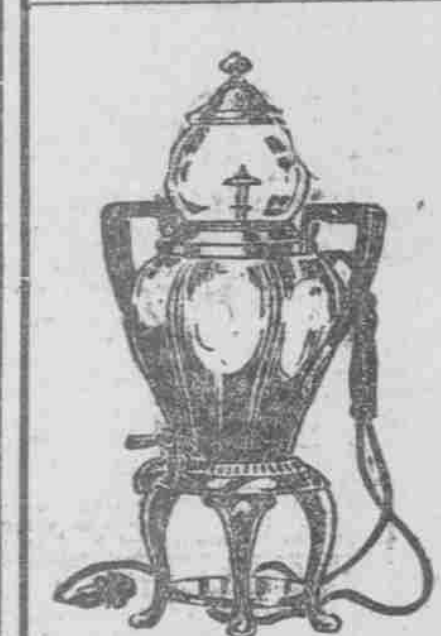


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